

REMARKS


The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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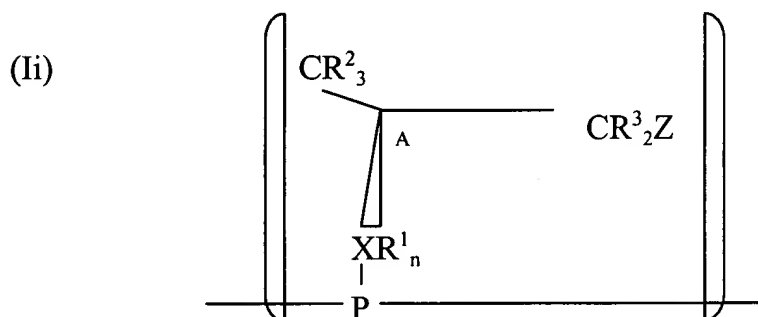
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IN THE CLAIMS

3. (amended) Process as claimed in Claim 1 [any one of Claims 1 and 2] wherein R^3 is selected from ethenyl, ethynyl and optionally substituted phenyl.
4. (amended) Process as claimed in Claim 1 [any one of Claims 1-3] wherein at least one and preferably both of R^3 are aryl.
5. (amended) Process as claimed in Claim 1 [any one of Claims 1-4] wherein R^2 is selected from optionally hydroxy, halo or alkoxy substituted branched and straight chain C_{1-6} alkyl, including methyl, ethyl, i-propyl, i-butyl, t-butyl; and aryl including phenyl and benzyl.
6. (amended) Process as claimed in Claim 1 [any one Claims 1 to 5] wherein X is nitrogen wherein n is 1 and R^1 is H, i.e. the compound is a primary amine.
7. (amended) Process as claimed in Claim 1 [any one of Claims 1-6] wherein a catalyst comprises Pd with C as catalytic support.
8. (amended) Process as claimed in Claim 1 [any of Claims 1-7] wherein a fluorination agent is liquid phase HF-pyridine.

9. (amended) [[13,14[16,17]].] *Process for preparation of [a compound of the formula I as hereinbefore defined in any of Claims 1 to 8 which is a process for the preparation of] enantiomerically pure [enantiomerically pure] polymer comprising a repeating unit of the formula Ii:*

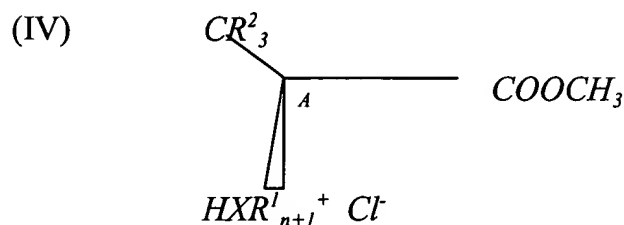


wherein P is derived from a polymerisable monomer or oligomer and X, R¹, R², R³, Z and A are as hereinbefore defined in [any of] Claim[s] 1 [to 6]; and

wherein a polymerisable monomer is selected from the group consisting of: an epoxy resin; an addition-polymerisation resin; a formaldehyde condensate resin; a cyanate resin; and an isocyanate resin; polyaromatics; monomers of natural polymers including carbohydrates, polypeptides and proteins including starch, celluloses, collagen, gelatin, dextrans, alginates, chitin and chitosan; and monomers of biodegradable and/or biocompatible polymers including poly(lactic acid), poly(glycolic acid), polycaprolactone, polyorthoesters, polyanhydrides, polyaminoacids and azo polymers; and mixtures thereof.

10. (amended) [[17,18[20,21]].] *Process for preparation of [enantiomerically pure compounds of formula I as hereinbefore defined In any of Claims 1 to 8 which is a process for the preparation of] a library of enantiomerically pure compounds comprising:*

reacting one or more compounds of formula IV



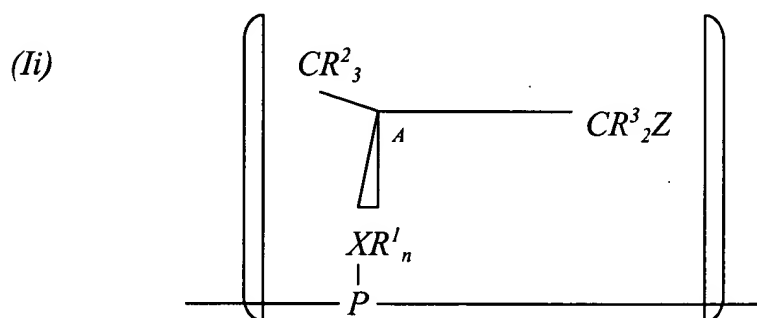
Wherein R^1 , R^2 and A are as hereinbefore defined in [any of] Claim[s] 1[to 6]

with a plurality of compounds of formula V $R^2\text{MgBr}$, and converting via compounds of formula II as hereinbefore defined in Claim 1 [to 6] to compounds of formula I as hereinbefore defined in [any of] Claim[s] 1[to 6]; and

optionally labelling the support or vessel with means to identify the synthetic history of the supported or contained compound.

11. (amended) [[12].] *Enantiomerically pure* compound of the formula I as hereinbefore defined in Claim 1 [any of Claims 1 to 6] wherein A , Z and R^1 to R^3 are as hereinbefore defined, X is N and n is 1.

12. (amended) [[15[18]].] *Enantiomerically pure polymer comprising a repeating unit of the formula Ii:*



wherein P is derived from a polymerisable monomer or oligomer selected from the group consisting of: an epoxy resin; an addition-polymerisation resin; a formaldehyde condensate resin; a cyanate resin; and an isocyanate resin;

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polyaromatics; monomers of natural polymers including carbohydrates, polypeptides and proteins including starch, celluloses, collagen, gelatin, dextrans, alginates, chitin and chitosan; and monomers of biodegradable and/or biocompatible polymers including poly(lactic acid), poly(glycolic acid), polycaprolactone, polyorthoesters; and

X, R¹, R², R³, Z and A are as hereinbefore defined In Claim 1 [any of Claims 1 to 6].

13. (amended) [[19 [22]].] Library of enantiomerically pure compounds of formula I as hereinbefore defined *in Claim 11*.

14. (amended) [[20 [23]].] Pharmaceutical, veterinary product or agrochemical composition comprising an enantiomerically pure compound of formula I, Ii or Iii as hereinbefore defined *in Claim 11 [any of Claims 11 – 13]* with suitable diluents, adjuvants, carriers.

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